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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
TO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 2510
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AMCONSUL HONG KONG
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SUBJ: BANK OF VALLETTA NEGOTIATIONS

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1. CONGENS MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY, WHICH HAVE MADE DISCREET
INQUIRIES WITH LOCAL BANKING CONTACTS, AND EMBASSY UNABLE
OBTAIN ANY BACKGROUND ON PERSONALITIES OR PROPOSITIONS
DETAILED REFTELS. EMBASSY VALLETTA IS UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE THAT MALTESE
HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CANBERRA, FORMER NATURALIZED AUSTRALIAN
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CITIZEN FORACE, CONSIDERS HIMSELF CLOSE PAL OF PM MINTOFF.

FORACE HAS HAD LINKS WITH VARIOUS ELEMENTS AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS SCENE OVER PAST TWO DECADES AND MAY WELL HAVE SOUGHT TO RAISE CAPITAL LOCALLY FOR THIS VENTURE, PERHAPS AMONG RELATIVELY LARGE MALTESE MIGRANT COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR EMBASSY TO ASSESS CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF ANY SUCH EFFORT OR WHETHER IT HAS TAKEN PLACE.

2. UNLESS EMBASSY VALLETTA FEELS IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE, WE DO NOT INTEND TO PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH RESERVE BANK OR MALTESE HIGH COMMISSION.
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